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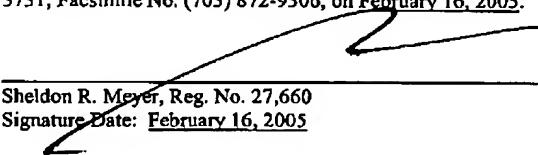
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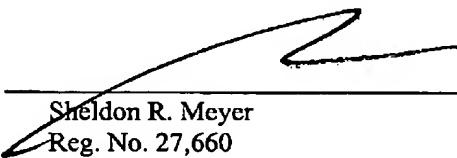
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Amendments

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2 and

Remarks begins on page 7.

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